

Meeting Minutes
Revitalization and Beautification Advisory Board
Conference Room
407 East Laurel Avenue
Foley, Alabama 36535
September 19, 2017
2:00PM

Call To Order

Ms. Sarah Rouzie called the meeting to order at 2:05p.m. Members present: Ms. Pat Davis, Mr. Gary Pitts, Mr. Terry Underwood, Ms. Carolyne Hollis, and Mr. Chad Watkins. Absent: Ms. Ellen Dean, Ms. Pat Libby, and Mr. Josh Roberts. Others present: Recording Secretary Ms. Brenda Shambo. Ms. Sarah Rouzie announced there was a quorum present.

Mr. Gary Pitts made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2017 meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Ms. Carolyne Hollis. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Administrative Notes – There are three Board Members whose terms of office are expiring in October, Ms. Sarah Rouzie, Ms. Pat Davis and Ms. Ellen Dean. Pat and Ellen both agreed to serve another 3 year term, Sarah said it would be better for her to step down from the Board at this time.

I went over our 2018 Budget with the Board per account, we received a total of \$96,530.00.

I have attached Mr. Randy Kurtts report on several projects that are ongoing.

Committee Reports

Arbor Day –I asked the Board to start thinking about Arbor Day for 2018.

Beautification Awards – Ms. Carolyne agreed that the new building for Alabama Credit Union looks great, she will also be looking at the back entrance of Tanger, Grumpy’s restaurant, and other businesses that have improved their building fronts and/or landscaping. I received a call from Foley High School, they have been doing some landscaping work and want the Board to come see it.

Fall Decorations –The Fall decorations will go up on Thursday, September 28th. The hay and pumpkins will be delivered on the Wednesday before, I will meet the Parks Guys at 7:00am and start putting the hay out to 15 locations around town. Sarah, Pat and Gary thought they should be able to help that day.

Seasonal Plantings/Special Projects – Gary gave a report from John Graham on work and projects that he has going on. They will be installing the new Fountain between City Hall and the Library on Thursday morning of this week. We are preparing the greenhouses for the winter growing season. The winter change-out is scheduled for the week of November 13th. They will be doing some additional landscaping work around the new Fountain, and improving the landscaping around the Foley Art Center for a small park, which will be completed in October. We are preparing to install new irrigation, plants and mulch on the Rose Trail in the fall and winter months.

The Graham Creek Project was completed this week, it consisted of new wood fencing, landscaping and irrigation around the new sign at the Interpretative Center.

Some of the Special Project funds were used to pressure wash the pavers around the new Fountain, and the sidewalks in front of City Hall and the Library.

Tree Committee – Mr. Terry Underwood talked with Leslie Gahagan at Graham Creek about planting the native azaleas, picking locations that will have some shade, and this fall will be a great time to plant them. Terry will call Mr. Fred Nation to see when they could be delivered.

Christmas Decorations – For our 2017 Christmas, I have ordered 5 more Grapevine Deer, 2 Aberdeen Bows for the Pedestrian Bridge, so they will go all the way across, 3 more Aberdeen Presents for the corners of Hwy. 59 and 98 to replace those hit by lighting, Cobra Pole Decorations, Additional Lights, Decorations for Tree in Heritage Park and Gazebo, Red Bows for Lamp Posts in Heritage Park, Santa Banners for Heritage Park, and 2 Beautiful Walk Through Ornaments that will go on each side of the Pedestrian Bridge, and of course new electrical outlets.

New Business – The Timers that were installed in the Oak Trees in front of the Welcome Center have been moved for a cost of \$426.02. The Lights in the Crepe Myrtle trees located on Hwy. 59 and Hwy. 98 were all removed and will be put back at the end of September.

I've been asking for electrical on the corners of Hwy. 98 and Pine Street, also on the Lamp Posts on either side of the Pedestrian Bridge, doesn't look like it will happen for this Christmas.

Planting Trees in the median on the new Pride Drive Road.

Sign for the corner of Hwy. 98 and Pine Street, to show where the old Methodist Church once stood, that was torn down, Pat said they saved some of the bricks that came from the Church. Chad made a quick skeet for the sign and showed it to Pat. This may be another good place for the Board to think about putting a small park.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Sarah Rouzie adjourned the meeting at 3:00, Ms. Pat Davis made a motion to adjourn, and then Ms. Carlyne Hollis seconded.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall.

Brenda W. Shambo, Recording Secretary

